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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6816**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1584

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 28, 2008

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Child Exploitation.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Friend

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ GENERAL  
☒ DEDICATED  
☐ FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill enhances child exploitation to a Class B felony if the photograph, film, videotape, or digitized image was taken at or created in a public building, school, or library.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** State expenditures would increase if an offender is incarcerated in a state prison for a longer period of time. A Class C felony is punishable by a prison term ranging between 2 and 8 years, depending upon mitigating and aggravating circumstances. A Class B felony is punishable by a prison term ranging from 6 to 20 years. More offenders could mean increased costs to the Department of Correction (DOC). The average expenditure to house an adult offender was \$20,287 in FY 2008. (This does not include the cost of new construction.) If offenders can be housed in existing facilities with no additional staff, the marginal cost for medical care, food, and clothing is approximately \$1,825 annually, or \$5 daily, per prisoner. The estimated average cost of housing a juvenile in a state juvenile facility was \$69,223. The average length of stay in DOC facilities for all Class B felony offenders is approximately 3.7 years.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** No change would likely occur in state revenue as a result of this bill since criminal fines and court fees are the same for either Class C or B felonies.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** No additional revenues would be expected since the court fees for Class C and Class B felonies are both \$120.

**State Agencies Affected:** DOC.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

**Information Sources:** Indiana Sheriffs' Association, DOC.

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